

REMARKS

This Request for Continued Examination is submitted after issuance of the Decision on Appeal dated September 2, 2009. Claims 1-19 have been canceled and new claims 20-34 have been added and will be pending in the present application upon entry of this amendment. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the remarks provided below.

Although the applicant does not concede the correctness of the new ground for rejection to the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 which was raised for the first time in the Decision on Appeal, the claims have been amended to remove all of the means-plus-function limitations in order to obviate this objection and advance prosecution of the present application.

Claims 20-34 are considered to be non-obvious over U.S. Patent no. 6,513,090 (Willems) at least for the reasons given in the Decision on Appeal in support of the reversal of claim 19 of the application.

Claims 20-26 are considered to be novel and unobvious over U.S. Patent no. 5,909,545 (Frese II) at least because the following features of the present claims are not taught or suggested by Frese II:

(1) the server being configured for providing the at least one client computer with a user interface comprising a central screen configured to enable initiation of the application and the at least one further application using said central screen;

(2) the server being configured for providing a command to the at least one client computer over the network to launch the at least one further application after initiation of the at least one further application via the central screen;

(3) the client computer being configured for launching the at least one further application in response to receiving the command from the at least one server over the network,

(4) the client computer being configured for receiving the user interface comprising the central screen from the at least one server;

(5) the client computer being configured for merging the local screen and the central screen to provide a merged screen integrating the at least one further application into the user interface; and

(6) the client computer being configured for displaying the merged screen on the display device.

Claims 27-32 are novel and unobvious over Frese II at least because Frese II does not teach or suggest the claimed features of:

(1) the server detecting an initiation of the at least one further application at the client computer;

(2) the server determining that a detected initiation of the at least one further application relates to initiation of a locally run further application, and

(3) the server providing a command to the client computer over the network to launch the at least one further application after initiation of the at least one further application via the user interface.

In addition, in Frese II the server does not provide the user interface to the client computer.

Claims 33-34 are novel and unobvious over Frese II at least because Frese II does not teach or suggest the following features of these claims:

(1) the client computer being configured for launching the at least one further application in response to receiving the command from the at least one server over the network,

(2) the client computer being configured for receiving the user interface comprising the central screen from the at least one server;

(3) the client computer being configured for merging the local screen and the central screen to provide a merged screen integrating the at least one further application into the user interface; and

(4) the client computer being configured for displaying the merged screen on the display device.

Request for Interview

The Applicant considers that this application is in condition for allowance. Due to the lengthy prosecution of this application, applicant's representative would like to conduct a telephone interview with the Examiner as soon as possible and preferably by October 30, 2009, to discuss any outstanding issues in relation to the application. Once the Examiner has reviewed the amended claims, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at 215-599-0600 to schedule an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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